

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
WESTERN DIVISION

RUAL HOOP and BONNIE SIGMAN,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MERCK & CO., INC.,

Defendant.

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Case No.: 3:07cv138 MPM-EMB

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

**ORDER GRANTING STAY PENDING TRANSFER DECISION
BY THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on the motion of Defendant Merck & Co. Inc. to stay all pre-trial proceedings in this action, pending its likely transfer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to *In re VIOXX Products Liab. Litig.* (MDL-1657), the proceeding that has been established in the Eastern District of Louisiana to coordinate all product liability cases involving alleged health risks from Vioxx®. The Court, having considered the motion and the entire record in the cause , finds that the motion is well-taken and should be granted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that all pre-trial proceedings in this action shall be stayed, pending its likely transfer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to *In re VIOXX Products Liab. Litig.* (MDL-1657).

This, the 4th day of December, 2007.

/s/ Eugene M. Bogen
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE